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<u>SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116</u> (FOLLOWING APPLICANTS' SEPTEMBER 3, 2004 AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116)

Dear Sirs:

This Second Supplemental Amendment To Applicants' September 3, 2004 Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is directed to the July 14, 2004 Office Action issued in connection with the above-identified application. This Second Supplemental Amendment follows the March 29, 2005 interview held via telephone with the U.S. Patent Office further described in the Remarks section below. Applicants filed their Notice of Appeal on September 3, 2004. This Second Supplemental Amendment is accompanied by a Request For Extension Of-Time (Three Additional Months) and authorization for the fee therefor. Upon granting of the extension request, the extended deadline for filing Applicants' Appeal Brief is April 3, 2005. Because April 3rd falls on a Sunday, under 37 C.F.R. \$1.7, action may be taken on the next succeeding day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or a Federal holiday. Accordingly, the new extended deadline for filing Applicants' Appeal Brief is Monday, April 4, 2005, and this Second Supplemental Amendment is being timely filed.

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